

RESOLUTION NO. 12-191

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Dr. Henrene Theresa Ellington Smoot, will be recognized for her dedicated service and commitment to volunteerism in the Huntsville-Madison County Community during the Rosetta James Annual "2012 Honoring Our Elders" Celebration to be held at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the beautiful campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University on March 10, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Henrene Smoot was born in Birmingham, Alabama. She attended the public schools in that city and studied piano privately with Tourgee Debose, who was then Chairman of the Music Department at Talladega College. Upon graduation from high school, she continued her study of music at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated with a major in mathematics and minors in chemistry and music. The following year was spent in the study of piano with Vivian Rifkin at the Julliard School of Music (New York), and also in completing the courses required for a Master of Science degree in Abstract Algebra at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (New York University). Other advanced degrees conferred subsequently were a M.A. degree in Analysis from UAHuntsville, an Ed.S. of Mathematics from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and a D.S. from the Southeastern Institute of Technology. She was later the recipient of a Ford-Carnegie Fellowship for post-doctoral study in mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Smoot's teaching career began at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi. She has taught at Alabama State University in Montgomery, A. H. Parker High School in Birmingham, The University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa), Oakwood University, UAHuntsville, and Alabama A&M University. She retired as Professor of Mathematics at Alabama A&M and UAHuntsville after 30 years of distinguished service. She founded and was director of the Chase Music Studio in Huntsville, which offered private instruction in Piano, Piano Theory, Voice, and Organ. Dr. Smoot also served as an instructor in the Huntsville Housing Authority's COLLEGE OF DISCOVERY at the Oscar Mason Center for one year. She taught music to children from Huntsville public housing communities, and served as a consultant to the Housing Authority in the purchase of musical equipment for the program; and,

WHEREAS, in 2001, Dr. Smoot served as Chairperson of the Steering Committee for the Eleventh Annual Downtown Community Thanksgiving Service. She was a Board Member of Hospice of Huntsville for two years, and served as Scripture Reader at the United Church of Christ Musicians National Network 2003 Gathering in St. Paul, Minnesota. She has received numerous certificates, awards and recognitions for dedicated, untiring and loyal service exemplifying the Christian way of life through music, and commitment to ministry rendered to church and community; and,

RESOLUTION NO. 12-191
March 8, 2012
Page 2

WHEREAS, Dr. Smoot is a member of Phillips Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, where she has served as Trustee, Steward, Minister of Music, and is presently Organist/Pianist. She has membership in the Alabama Education Association, National Education Association, Huntsville Music Teacher Association, The American Guild of Organists, and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Smoot is the mother of two sons, Charles T. Smoot II of Webster, Texas, and Kenneth E. Smoot of Huntsville. She is the grandmother of Charles T. Smoot III and Kenneth E. Smoot II.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Dr. Henrene Theresa Ellington Smoot for being selected as a recipient of the 2012 Rosetta James "Honoring Our Elders" Celebration, and extend best wishes to her and the Board of Directors of the Rosetta James Foundation for continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of March, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 8th day of March, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama